

REMARKS

The Office action of January 26, 2009, has been carefully considered.

The allowability of claims 19 and 26-28 has been noted.

Claims 20, 23-24, 35 and 38-42 have been found to be allowable over the art. Therefore:

1) Claim 20 has been placed in independent form by amendment to claim 15. Claim 20 has been canceled. Claims 16 and 22-24 depend directly or ultimately from amended claim 15.

2) Claim 23 has been placed in independent form as new claim 45. Claim 46, corresponding to claim 24, depends from claim 45.

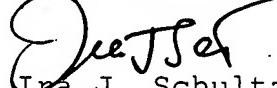
3) Claim 35 has been placed in independent form by amendment to claim 30. Claim 35 has been canceled. Claims 31-34 and 40-42 depend directly or ultimately from amended claim 30.

4) Claim 38 has been placed in independent form as new claim 43. Claim 44, corresponding to claim 39, depends from claim 43.

Thus, all claims in the application have been placed in condition for allowance, and withdrawal of the rejection of record is requested.

An early allowance of the application with amended claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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